

its electoral process to study election procedures in the United States for educational purposes; or

(ii) take election administrators and officials of the United States or of another country, including government officials, poll workers, civil society representatives, members of the judiciary, and others who participate in the organization and administration of public elections to another country to study and discuss election procedures in such country for educational purposes.

(C) LIMITS ON ACTIVITIES.—Activities administered under the Program may not—

(i) include observation of an election for the purposes of assessing the validity or legitimacy of that election;

(ii) facilitate any advocacy for a certain electoral result by a grantee when participating in the Program; or

(iii) be carried out without proper consultation with State and local authorities in the United States that administer elections.

(D) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Center should establish and maintain a network of Global Electoral Exchange Program alumni, to promote communication and further exchange of information regarding sound election administration practices among current and former Program participants.

(E) LIMITATION.—A recipient of a grant under the Program may only use such grant for the purpose for which such grant was awarded, unless otherwise authorized by the Center.

(F) NONDUPLICATIVE.—Grants made under this paragraph may not be duplicative of any other grants made under any other provision of law for similar or related purposes.

(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this subsection.

(d) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter for the following 2 years, the Center shall provide a briefing to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives regarding the status of any activities carried out pursuant to subsection (c) during the preceding year, which shall include—

(1) a summary of all exchanges conducted under the Global Electoral Exchange Program, including information regarding grantees, participants, and the locations where program activities were held;

(2) a description of the criteria used to select grantees under the Global Electoral Exchange Program; and

(3) recommendations for the improvement of the Global Electoral Exchange Program in furtherance of the purpose specified in subsection (c)(2).

SA 4678. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES STUDY ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR USE OF VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO PURSUE CAREERS IN OUTDOOR RECREATION.

(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on the use by veterans of educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pursue careers in outdoor recreation.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Identification of opportunities for veterans to use educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pursue careers in outdoor recreation in the private sector and in the public sector.

(2) Identification of any difficulties with using the educational assistance provided under laws administered by the Secretary to veterans to pursue careers in outdoor recreation in the private and public sector, including trained, apprentice, assistant, and certified guides.

(3) Assessment of the availability of opportunities for careers in outdoor recreation at the following:

(A) The Department of Agriculture.

(B) The Department of the Interior.

(C) The Army Corps of Engineers.

(D) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(4) Identification of any challenges veterans may have pursuing careers in outdoor recreation at the agencies list under paragraph (3).

(5) Identification of options to increase opportunities for veterans to pursue careers in outdoor recreation at the agencies listed under paragraph (3).

(c) STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES.—In conducting the study required by subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall obtain the perspectives of the outdoor recreation industry, veterans groups focusing on the outdoors, nongovernmental organizations, and other interested stakeholders.

(d) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—

(1) BRIEFING.—Not later than 240 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall provide the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a briefing on the study required by subsection (a).

(2) REPORT.—After providing the briefing required by paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall submit to the committees described in such paragraph a report on the findings of the Comptroller General with respect to the study completed under subsection (a).

(e) OUTDOOR RECREATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “outdoor recreation” means recreational activities undertaken for pleasure that—

(1) generally involve some level of intentional physical exertion; and

(2) occur in nature-based environments outdoors.

SA 4679. Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . TREATMENT OF HOURS WORKED UNDER A QUALIFIED TRADE-OF-TIME ARRANGEMENT.

Section 5542 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h)(1)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or section 5545b, any hours worked by a firefighter under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement shall be disregarded for purposes of any determination relating to eligibility for, or the amount of, any overtime pay under this section, including overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act in accordance with subsection (c).

“(B) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management—

“(i) shall identify the situations in which a firefighter shall be deemed to have worked hours actually worked by a substituting firefighter under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement; and

“(ii) may adopt necessary policies governing the treatment of both a substituting and substituted firefighter under a qualified trade-of-time arrangement, without regard to how those firefighters would otherwise be treated under other provisions of law or regulation.

“(2) In this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘firefighter’ means an employee—

“(i) the work schedule of whom includes 24-hour duty shifts; and

“(ii) who—

“(I) is a firefighter, as defined in section 8331(21) or 8401(14);

“(II) in the case of an employee who holds a supervisory or administrative position and is subject to subchapter III of chapter 83, but who does not qualify to be considered a firefighter within the meaning of section 8331(21), would so qualify if such employee had transferred directly to such position after serving as a firefighter within the meaning of such section;

“(III) in the case of an employee who holds a supervisory or administrative position and is subject to chapter 84, but who does not qualify to be considered a firefighter within the meaning of section 8401(14), would so qualify if such employee had transferred directly to such position after performing duties described in section 8401(14)(A) and (B) for at least 3 years; and

“(IV) in the case of an employee who is not subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84, holds a position that the Office of Personnel Management determines would satisfy subclause (I), (II), or (III) if the employee were subject to subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84; and

“(B) the term ‘qualified trade-of-time arrangement’ means an arrangement under which 2 firefighters who are subject to the supervision of the same fire chief agree, solely at their option and with the approval of the employing agency, to substitute for one another during scheduled work hours in the performance of work in the same capacity.”.

SA 4680. Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. CRAMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such

fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XV, add the following:

SEC. 1516. RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT SPACE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Space Operations, in coordination with the Chief Technology and Innovation Office of the Space Force, may carry out research and educational activities to support space technology development.

(b) **ACTIVITIES.**—Activities carried out under subsection (a) shall support the research, development, and demonstration needs of the Space Force, including by addressing and facilitating the advancement of capabilities related to—

- (1) space domain awareness;
- (2) position, navigation, and timing;
- (3) autonomy;
- (4) data analytics;
- (5) communications;
- (6) space-based power generation;
- (7) space applications for cybersecurity; and

(8) any other matter the Secretary of the Air Forces considers relevant.

(c) **EDUCATION AND TRAINING.**—Activities carried out under subsection (a) shall—

- (1) promote education and training for students in order to support the future national security space workforce of the United States; and
- (2) explore opportunities for international collaboration.

SA 4681. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title VIII, insert the following:

SEC. 821. USE OF DOMESTICALLY SOURCED COMPONENTS IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SATELLITES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter II of chapter 385 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 4864 the following new section:

“§ 4865. Domestic source requirement for certain satellite components

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense may not acquire a covered component for a Department of Defense satellite unless the covered component is manufactured in the United States.

“(b) **WAIVER.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) with respect to the acquisition of a covered component if the Secretary—

“(A) determines that—

“(i) no significant national security concerns regarding counterfeiting, quality, or unauthorized access would be created by waiving the prohibition;

“(ii) the acquisition of the covered component is required to support national security; and

“(iii) the covered component is not available from a source inside the United States

of satisfactory quality, in sufficient quantity, in the required form, and at reasonable cost; and

“(B) submits to the congressional defense committees a report on the determination under subparagraph (A).

“(2) **PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION FROM COVERED NATIONS.**—A waiver under paragraph (1) may not authorize the acquisition of a covered component from a covered nation.

“(c) **APPLICABILITY.**—This section applies respect to contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2022.

“(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

“(1) **COVERED COMPONENT.**—The term ‘covered component’ means a space-qualified solar cell, cell-interconnect-coverglass (CIC) assembly, solar panel, or solar array.

“(2) **COVERED NATION.**—The term ‘covered nation’ means—

“(A) the Democratic People’s Republic of North Korea;

“(B) the People’s Republic of China;

“(C) the Russian Federation; and

“(D) the Islamic Republic of Iran.

“(3) **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SATELLITE.**—The term ‘Department of Defense satellite’ means a satellite the principal purpose of which is to support the needs of the Department of Defense.”.

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for chapter 385 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 4864 the following new item:

“4865. Domestic source requirement for certain satellite components.”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section take effect on January 1, 2022.

SA 4682. Mr. RISCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1283. LIMITATION ON REMOVING GOVERNMENT OF CUBA FROM STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM LIST UNTIL PRESIDENT CERTIFIES CUBA NO LONGER PROVIDES SANCTUARY TO TERRORISTS.

The President may not remove Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism until the President, without delegation, certifies and reports to Congress that the Government of Cuba has ceased to provide sanctuary to terrorists.

SA 4683. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 744. DELAY OF COVID-19 VACCINE MANDATE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO VACCINE MANDATES.

(a) **DELAY OF VACCINE MANDATE.**—The Secretary of Defense may not require members of the Armed Forces to receive the vaccination for coronavirus disease 2019 (commonly known as “COVID-19”) or penalize such members for not receiving such vaccine until the date on which all religious and medical accommodation requests seeking an exemption from such a requirement have been individually evaluated with a final determination and all appeal processes in connection with any such requests have been exhausted.

(b) **PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINATION.**—A member of the Armed Forces whose religious accommodation request relating to the vaccination for coronavirus disease 2019 is denied without written individualized consideration or consultation with the Office of the Chief of Chaplains for the military department concerned to confirm that there is a compelling interest in having the member receive such vaccination and that mandating vaccination is the least restrictive means of furthering that interest shall have a cause of action for financial damages caused by the harm to their military career, retirement, or benefits.

(c) **CONSULTATION WITH OFFICES OF CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS REGARDING RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The final accommodation authority for each military department shall consult with the Office of the Chief of Chaplains for the military department concerned before denying any religious accommodation request.

(2) **PROCEDURES FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION REQUESTS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall consult with the members of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board in determining the general procedure for processing religious exemption requests.

(3) **DETERMINATIONS RELATING TO RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR CONSCIENCE.**—No determinations shall be made regarding the sincerity of the religious belief or conscience of a member of the Armed Forces by the final accommodation authority without the documented consultation of a chaplain with the member.

(d) **INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION REGARDING RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall complete an investigation into whether each of the military departments has complied with Federal law (including the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.)), Department of Defense Instruction 1300.17, and other policies of the military departments relevant to determining religious accommodations for vaccination requirements.

SA 4684. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following: